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Northeast

NEW JERSEY — The Central Jersey Composite Squadron recently was presented two certificates in appreciation and recognition for its efforts in the completion of operation Stand Down. Stand Down is a program for homeless Vietnam veterans and their families.

The operation is sponsored by the Middlesex County Department of Human Services-Veterans Services. The certificates were presented by John Ferry, president of the Veterans of America Chapter 688. Ferry is a Vietnam veteran and helped create this program in New Jersey. He made the presentation on behalf of his organization as well as for the Middlesex County Department of Human Services. The presentation was made to Squadron Commander **Capt. Pete Trabucco** and Air Force Liaison Officer **Lt. Col. Richard Cane**.

Squadron members were honored for devoting their time and efforts in helping more than 400 Vietnam veterans and their families in a three-day county camp program. The program provided tents and cots for the families along with hot food and supplies. Hot showers and warm clothing and coats also were available for the veterans.

Optometrists, dentists and barbers donated services for operation Stand Down. "Stand Down also helped to secure employment for the veterans as well as addressing their special needs — a food stamp program, schooling and drug rehab programs," said Trabucco. "We were just glad to make a positive impact in their lives and would like to thank the Vietnam Veterans of America for this unexpected honor."

Air Force Liaison Officer Lt. Col. Richard Cane, left, and Central Jersey Composite Squadron Commander Capt. Pete Trabucco present Vietnam Veterans of America President John Ferry with a certificate of appreciation.



Stand Down was the term used in Vietnam when combat troops were pulled back from battle to regroup and resupply before returning to the scene. Today, Stand Downs are held around the country to reach out to Vietnam veterans. It has turned out to be a successful program in New Jersey. The squadron has agreed to help in next year's Stand Down and will start to raise funds for money food and clothing.

— Anton Annison

NEW JERSEY — **Lt. Col. Donald Halbedle** received the New Jersey Wing Golden Eagle Award for 20 years of faithful service with Civil Air Patrol. During the past 20 years, he has served as the commander and deputy commander of the Bayshore Composite Squadron. Along with members of the squadron, he has supported numerous volunteer organizations of both the military and local civilian community. He is most appreciative of the unit's ability to respond to the needs of the community and for the recognition he received, including the Department of Army Patriotic Service Award and as one of the former President George Bush's "Points of Light."

NEW YORK — On Feb. 20, **Rev. Stephen Anderson**, **Andrew Smaldone** and **Glenn Piscatelli** from Tappan Alliance Church visited the Rockland County Composite Squadron. ... On Feb. 27, **Dr. Geoffrey E. Lawrence**, associate editor of



Second from left, Cadet Cols. Julius Armstrong, Joel Martin, and Broderick Jones proudly display their Spaatz Awards that Gov. Tom Ridge, far left, and Pennsylvania Wing Commander Col. Jean-Pierre Habets, far right, presented to them on Feb. 26.

Community Media, interviewed cadets and senior members for an article on CAP. Lawrence said he was glad to hear of our organization and that through our programs, cadets learn to grow into responsible adults.

— 2nd Lt. April Heidrick

PENNSYLVANIA — On Feb. 26, **Gov. Tom Ridge** presented the Carl A. Spaatz Award to cadets **Joel A. Martin**, **Julius V. Armstrong III**, and **Broderick A. Jones**. Also attending the presentation were Pennsylvania Wing Commander **Col. Jean-Pierre J. Habets**, **Vice Commander Col. M. Applebaum**, **Lt. Holly Nicoll**, the parents and grand parents of cadet **Col. Joel Martin**, the father and grand parents of cadet **Col. Julius Armstrong III** and family members of cadet **Col. Broderick Jones**.

These three cadets also were presented with a citation from the Pennsylvania senate, sponsored by **Sen. Edwin Holl**, Montgomery County. Following the ceremony, the cadets and their families toured the state capital. Martin, who joined Squadron 304 in February 1989,

has held many position in his home unit, including flight commander, first sergeant, cadet aerospace education officer, cadet deputy commander, and cadet commander. He attended summer encampment in 1990 as a student and returned in the following years as squadron executive officer, squadron commander and in 1994 as encampment cadet commander.

Martin also was active in Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School for several years, eventually becoming a squadron commander. Martin earned his Gen. Billy Mitchell award in March 1991 and worked to earn his Amelia Earhart Award a year later.

Along the way, Martin also found time to be active in the Boy Scouts, through which he earned the God and Family Award and attained Eagle Scout, the Scouts' highest award.

Martin is currently a sophomore at Perdue University, where he majors in aeronautical engineering.

Cadet **Col. Julius V. Armstrong III** also joined CAP in 1989. When Armstrong joined the West Philadelphia Composite Squadron, he was one of the youngest cadets in the Pennsylvania Wing.

Armstrong progressed through the cadet program while attending Hawk Mountain programs and various encampments. He completed the basic first aid/CPR course; received his FCC radio operator permit and became emergency services qualified. After serving as a member of the squadron's ground team, he became certified as a ground team member. Later, Armstrong served as cadet commander of the Hawk Mountain Search and Rescue School. He eventually earned the coveted expert ranger award.

While attending summer ranger school 1991, Armstrong was selected as an honor student. That same year, he

earned his Billy Mitchell Award. Working as a cadet staff member at an encampment at Fort Indiantown Gap, he received the outstanding staff cadet trophy. After completing Cadet Officers School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., in 1994, Armstrong returned home with the outstanding cadet award. Armstrong was the Group 10 chairman of the Cadet Advisory Council and the following year was selected chairman of the Pennsylvania Wing Cadet Advisory Council. During this time he earned his Amelia Earhart Award, eventually completing all 15 achievements in the cadet program.

Armstrong is currently a student at Bloomsburg University, where he plays in the school orchestra, concert band, jazz band, Dixieland band, brass ensemble and sax quartet.

Cadet **Col. Broderick Jones** has been an active member of the Civil Air Patrol. He has progressed through the program since joining in 1991, holding many positions, including advanced flight commander, cadet aerospace education officer, cadet safety officer, executive officer and cadet commander. He then served as adviser to the commander and was a staff member of the Group 10 Leadership School.

Jones is very active in the Cadet Advisory Counsel, where he served as a representative to the Northeast Region.

After attending his first encampment in 1992, he returned the following years as flight commander and then as executive officer. In 1993, Jones earned his Billy Mitchell Award. He was the first cadet from Pennsylvania to solo during the 1994 encampment. Also in 1994, Jones received his Amelia Earhart Award and completed all 15 achievements in the cadet program. Jones has been selected as an International Air Cadet Exchange program ambassador to Belgium.

— Lt. Kerry A. Kline



Members of the Langely Composite Squadron gather before the F-15 dubbed "The Spirit of the Virginia Peninsula" during the squadron's annual dining out on Feb. 23 in the public affairs hangar at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

Middle East

NORTH CAROLINA —

Year-end funding allowed Civil Air Patrol's Drug Demand Reduction Program to purchase tabletop displays for squadrons or wings to use within 30 miles of Air Force, Air Reserve or Air Guard installation. North Carolina Wing received two such displays.

Squadrons can use the displays for air shows, recruiting booths or other public affairs that lend an opportunity to tell the CAP story and to promote Civil Air Patrol as an alternative life-style to drugs and crime.

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A retirement ceremony was held March 10 for **Lt. Col. Allen Johnson**, North Carolina Wing liaison officer. Johnson formally retired from the Air Force on March 1, after completing more than 20 years of active duty.

Col. John J. Kittle, Middle

East Liaison Region Commander, conducted the retirement ceremony at the North Carolina Wing Staff meeting. He also presented Johnson with a meritorious service medal and a shadow box depicting his career as an Air Force pilot and officer.

Johnson has been assigned as the North Carolina Wing's liaison officer since August 1991. Since Civil Air Patrol is going through an extensive reorganization process and changing the liaison positions over to military retiree positions — very similar to the high school Junior ROTC program — Johnson has accepted the position of North Carolina wing liaison officer as his new occupation.

— 2nd Lt. James Davis



North Carolina Air Force Liaison Officer Lt. Col. Allen Johnson accepts his retirement certificate from Middle East Region Commander Col. John J. Kittle. Johnson formally retired from the Air Force on March 1.

North Carolina — Cadet **Flight Officer Aja Andreu**, Golden Eagle Composite Squadron, recently received her Mitchell Award in ceremonies conducted at squadron headquarters in Mt. Pleasant. Andreu is the daughter of James and Adina Andreu.

Andreu joined CAP in 1994, and currently serves as cadet commander. Her past positions include cadet finance, cadet supply, cadet aerospace, cadet education and public affairs.

Andreu attends Northwest Cabarrus High School where she is a member of the Beta Club and maintains a 4.0 point average — in addition to working a part-time job.

— Cadet Airman Peggy Blayne
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On Feb. 29, Cadet **Flight Officer Aja Andreu** of Golden Eagle Composite Squadron stepped down as the squadron's public affairs officer to assume the cadet commander's position. Andreu was recently recognized by wing headquarters for an outstanding public affairs program.

Cadet **Airman Peggy Blayne** has been tapped to take over squadron public affairs officer duties.

— Capt. Lamar Smith
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On Feb. 17, the Golden Eagle Squadron participated in the Nations Bank Marathon/Olympic Trials in Charlotte. The squadron was asked to furnish personnel for crowd control, finish-line security, and security for the trial contestants.

The Eagles worked out of the trial headquarters near the finish line. Some cadets were paired with law enforcement officials from the North Carolina Department of motor vehicles, or with officers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department. Cadets **Aja Andreu**, **Chris Eudy**, **Kevin Bost**, **Chris Mullis**, **Amber Tinkham**, **Peggy Blayne**, **Steven Voorheis**, **Josua Sides**, **Jacob**

Moore and **Daniel Munyer**, along with senior members **Capt. Lamar Smith**, **2nd Lt. Eli Beverly**, **Senior Flight Officer Adam Jennings**, and **Rebecca Eudy** participated in this community service activity. The Eagles received high praise from all agencies and were asked to return to help out next year. — Cadet Flight Officer Aja Andreu

North Carolina — The Macon County Airport has undergone a major face lift over the past years. The runway has been lengthened from 3,700 to 4,700 feet. A taxiway has been installed with landing lights and taxiway lights.

The plans include 17 single T hangars and four twin T hangars. When these are completed, the old T hangars will be torn down.

Eastern Airlines veteran **Neil Hoppe** will be the new FBO operator. **Lt. Col. Pete Wright** is working on a program to explain the CAP awards system and ribbon significance. Wright also is preparing a moon rock presentation for Swain County School. Cadets **Walker** and **Martin**, students at the school will assist Wright.

— Lt. Col. Pete Wright

WEST VIRGINIA — The Charleston Cadet Squadron recently participated in West Virginia Wing's Squadron Leadership School in Parkersburg.

Lt. Col. Kelmer L. Freed, wing chief of staff, was project officer for the school. The training consisted of lectures, discussions, and problem solving seminars. **Ron Harmon** conducted counseling training and **Dianna Perdue** taught members about public affairs responsibilities and the role of a historian. Attendees included **Ernest Clevenger**, **W.H. Dennisen**, and **James R. Atkinson**, Parkersburg Composite Squadron; **Harold F. Blust**, Wheeling Composite Squadron; **Jason E. Perdue**,

Charleston Cadet Squadron, and **Howard Lee Mitchelson**, Mercer Composition Squadron.

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The Charleston Cadet Squadron assisted with traffic control for the annual distance fun run recently. At 9 a.m., runners lined up at the Charleston Area Medical Center Memorial Division and headed off toward Kanawha City.

The cadets were invited to attend a luncheon following the race. The young volunteers were lauded for their support and received T-shirts marking the events. The squadron has participated in the Almost Heaven Marathon Race every year since it began.

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Charles Cadet Squadron recently assisted the Salvation Army in collecting toys for needy children in Kanawha, Putman and Boone counties.

Super 102 Radio broadcasted on location through the three days at Watt Powell Park in Charleston. The squadron collected, counted, stacked and secured thousands of toys in a makeshift collection bin. Squadron members were interviewed and were mentioned many times during the live broadcast. The announcer complimented the cadets for their outstanding work in this annual community event.

Senior members and cadets worked in shifts during the activity. — Capt. Dianna Perdue

Virginia — More than 80 people from all over Virginia attended a training search and rescue mission in Hot Springs, Va., on March 16.

The Virginia Wing held its training mission by searching for an aircraft that was reported missing in late November. After searching for almost two weeks the search was discontinued in early December due to exhausted clues, and bad weather. The Virginia Wing had been assisting the West Virginia Wing in the search.

The twin engine grey/silver aircraft with blue trim departed from Braxton, W. Va., heading for Lynchburg, Va., when it was lost from radar contact. There was only one person on board.

Incident command staff for this training mission included **Col. William Jackson**, incident commander; **Lt. Col. Gill Gray**, head of air operations; **Capt. Mike Kirk**, head of ground operations; **Maj. Tim Barker**, operations chief; **Maj. Bob Wingfield**, head of communications and logistics; **Maj. Henry Brewer**, safety officer; **Maj. Dave Cave** as head of plans; and **Maj. Linda Utting**, as the Information Officer.

Thirty-four ground team members and 12 aircraft searched a concentrated area of high probability, but the aircraft was not found. A total of 31 air sorties were flown and six ground teams were dispersed. This was a good chance for members to train searching for a real target.

— Major Linda J. Utting

Southeast

ALABAMA — Hundreds of teachers, members of the Alabama Aerospace Teachers Association, came to the Anniston City Meeting Center in Anniston, Alabama, on March 9-11, to participate in aerospace related workshops where they viewed exhibits, videos, and a special presentation from the U.S. Space and Rocket Center.

Thousands of students from area schools also attended a special session on Monday. The feature speaker for the three-day program was Astronaut Hank Hartsfield. Hartsfield, 63, is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and a graduate of Auburn University. He is known by many as Alabama's first astronaut.

Hartsfield was a member of the astronaut support crew for Apollo 16 and the Skylab 2, 3, and 4 missions and was also a backup pilot for the second and third test flight of the space shuttle. He served as pilot for Columbia's fourth orbital flight and was spacecraft commander on two other flights.

Hartsfield now lives in Houston where he is currently working on NASA's International Space Station Project. During his Sunday presentation, Hartsfield related a near emergency that occurred on the last test flight of the shuttle Columbia in 1982, which he was piloting.

The problem started with torrential rains and hail in Florida the night before lift-off. The hail damaged the protective tile and allowed 2,000 pounds of water to be absorbed by the tile. In orbit, Hartsfield maneuvered the

shuttle so its waterlogged bottom would constantly face the sun and thus dry it out.

The crew members were going about routine operations when they discovered the cargo bay doors would not close. If the doors could not be closed, the shuttle would not be able to reenter the earth's atmosphere.

The shuttle had "hot dogged" Hartsfield stated. Because of the uneven heating of the shuttle's belly, the shuttle had developed a slight bow, causing the cargo bay doors to not close properly. Fortunately, the astronauts were able to fix the doors and return safely to earth on the Fourth of July to a hero's welcome.

Maj. Tim Huddleston, Assistant Director of Aerospace Education with the Civil Air Patrol and Executive Director of the Alabama Aerospace Teachers Association, played host to Astronaut Hartsfield and visiting teachers and students. Assisting Maj. Huddleston was Capt. Susan Gray, Assistant Aerospace Officer for the Anniston Composite Squadron 118 of the CAP.

Capt. Hans Gray, Public Affairs Officer for Anniston Squadron 118 and an Anniston city councilman, presented Hartsfield with a key to the city during Sunday's program. In presenting the key, Gray stated, "All teachers know the importance of role models and heroes to our youth today. For those heroes and role models, we need look no farther than to the men and women who work in our space program."

Members of the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron display their model rockets before testing them recently in Collier County, Fla.



Top: Pensacola Composite Squadron cadets prepare a signal fire using a magnesium bar and pocket knife under the critical eye of other cadets and families at CAP's Anniversary Expo in Pensacola, Fla. Right: Ground team members administer emergency care to volunteer "victims."



Also present was Major John Paul Jones, Director of Aerospace Education for the Alabama Wing of the CAP. Representing CAP National Headquarters was John Vickery, Chief of Aerospace Education; Joan Emerson, Aerospace Program Manager and NCASE Project Director; and Gene Steplco, Director of Aerospace Education for the Southeast Region.

Under the tutelage of LTC Lawrence Adams, commander of Anniston Composite 118, Cadets Pamela Ginn, Randall Ginn, and Douglas Hudgins acted as the program's color guards. They did an excellent job of posting the colors before the gathered teachers and dignitaries and deserve much praise. While not busy as color guards, these cadets under the direction of LTC Adams, manned a CAP recruiting station in the lobby of the Anniston City Meeting Center.

Alabama Aerospace Week was presented by the Alabama Education Association and sponsored in part by the Civil Air Patrol, Calhoun County area schools, Delta Airlines, U.S. Space Camp and U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, Boeing Aerospace, and area banks and businesses.

— Capt. Hans Gray

FLORIDA — During the early morning hours of March 15,

members of the Daytona Beach and Deland Composite Squadrons combined SAR resources which resulted in the rapid location and deactivation of an errand ELT.

12:15 a.m., 1st Lt. John Bayne received an alert from Lt. Col. Webster, a Florida Wing Alerting Officer. The alert was for an ELT mission which had been opened by AFRCC just 10 minutes prior. The SARSATs had been picking up the 121.5 sweep tones since 9:07 p.m. the night before. The latest satellite merge at 11:41 p.m. estimated the ELT to be about five miles southwest of the Daytona Beach International Airport.

1st Lt. Bayne accepted SMC for the mission and checked in with AFRCC at 12:20 a.m. At 12:23 a.m., Capt. Alan Williams, commander of the Daytona Beach Composite Squadron was phoned and asked to assume the role as Ground Team Leader. While Cpt. Williams coordinated a ground response, Bayne had a Deland Composite Squadron aircrew lined up by 12:30 a.m.

At 12:43 a.m., the Daytona Beach Electronic Search Team, consisting of Capt. Williams, Maj. Marty O'Donnell, and Capt. Sean Fuller, radioed they were en route to the target area. At 12:04 a.m. Williams, operating a vehicle equipped with external DF antennas, acquired the ELT signal. The signal was tracked to the vicinity of the Spruce

Creek Fly-In Community south of Daytona Beach.

The searchers positively identified a hangar, one of several double-wide, connected hangars in a row, as the one containing the ELT. The logged time for locating the source of the signal was 12:42 a.m.

The Deland aircrew, comprised of pilot Capt. Bill Latham and observer Steve Fredeman, launched "CapFlight 830" from the Deland Airport at 1:49 a.m. A lapse in radio contact to the responding aircrew prevented a "wave-off" until the aircraft had been launched and was en route to the search area.

The flight gave the aircrew a good night training mission and aircraft systems check. The aircraft landed at Deland Airport at 2:17 a.m. after logging at .8 on the tach.

The suspect hangar was locked, and there was no emergency contact information on the building. Peering through a small space in the hangar doors, Fuller copied the registration number off of the Piper PA-39 Twin Comanche parked inside and gave this information to Williams who placed a call to AFRCC's Mayer. Mayer ran a registration check on the aircraft and gave Williams the information.

The aircraft was registered to a gentleman in New Hampshire. The search team then used the Group-6 ES Resource Directory to locate a phone number for a

member of the airport committee which had assisted CAP in the past. This gentleman responded with a cross reference book of Spruce Creek residents and was able to locate the owner of the aircraft. The owner was contacted by phone and responded to the hanger.

The ELT was taken off the air at 2:31 a.m. It turned out the ELT, a new Narco ELT-10, had been installed in the aircraft earlier that day. The installers saw the "ON/OFF" switch and of course flipped it to the "ON" position so it would work when needed. The search team returned home, and Bayne filed the CAP Form 122 with AFRCC at 3:35 a.m.

The times on the mission log reflected an impressive, timely, response from Group 6.

FLORIDA — Braving bad weather and ground conditions best described as sloppy, eight members of the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron set out March 1 to fulfill the flight requirements of their model rocketry program in swampy Collier County.

The program cycle began only two weeks before with an eight-hour classroom/laboratory session led by Capt. Erick Vietje. The purpose of this class was to indoctrinate the program participants in the principles and regulations governing the construction and operation of model rockets.

The curriculum was based on several texts recommended as guides by the national Association of Rocketry and stressed safety above all.

— Capt. Lee I. Taylor
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On Jan. 13, the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron and more than 300 friends and relatives paid tribute to aviation pioneer John Becker who passed away Jan. 5.

Through the years Becker became the three-time winner of the World Time-To-Ground races at the National Air Races. While serving in War World II, John saved countless lives by developing the Spread Eagle Free-Falling Technique that revolutionized parachuting and continues to be used today.

After the war Becker became founder and president of the National Air Carriers Association. In his later years, he became owner of the Pompano Air Center.

Although Becker accomplished many things in his life, one of the highlights was being inducted into the OX-5 aviation pioneer Hall of Fame, which includes Wilbur and Orville Wright, Charles A. Lindbergh and Amelia Earhardt. CAP was honored when the Becker family approached Capt. Lee Taylor, commander of the Pompano Beach Cadet Squadron, to provide an honor guard and color guard presentation at the ceremonies.

John Becker will be sorely missed by all who crossed his path.

— 1st Lt. Richard Ferdman

Col. Walter Shammel, right, presents Tulsa Council Oak Squadron Commander Capt. David Starr with the squadron of the year award.



Top: CAP National Vice Commander Col. Paul Bergman presents Capt. David Starr with the Oklahoma commander of the year award while Capt. Clark Ogilvie looks on at the Oklahoma Wing conference Feb. 23-24 in Tulsa.



Left: Don Clapsaddle, past commander of the Purple Heart Association, presents cadets Ryan Wallace, Richard Horn, Lee Corns and Donald Wyatt with leadership certificates.

state during the previous week.

It had been months since Oklahoma and surrounding states had received any significant rainfall. Fire danger was at an all time high and many homes and property had been destroyed by fire in the previous few days.

Commanders Starr and Van Alstine consulted with Lt. Col. Paul Sharratt, Wing Vice Commander and Colonel Walter Shammel, Wing Commander and decided to put air crews on duty immediately as well as organizing standby aircrews from those at the conference who had thought to bring their flight gear. Starr volunteered his squadron for the ELT search and Commander Van Alstine volunteered his squadron for the fire patrol.

The conference was never interrupted and continued as planned that Saturday afternoon.

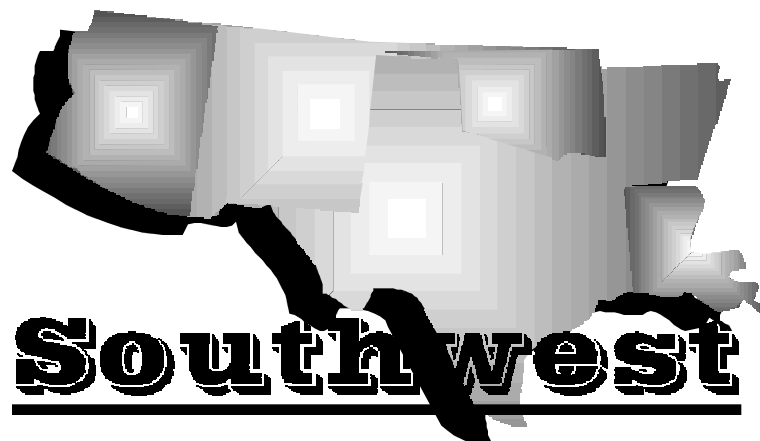
While this was taking place, it became obvious that a ground team would be needed as well for the ELT search and Maj. Kyle Guinn, Commander of the Tulsa Starbase Cadet Squadron volunteered his unit for the search. There were a large number of cadets in attendance at the wing conference anyway and Maj. Guinn did not have to wait long to organize a crew.

The aircrew consisting of Lt. Scott Clark as mission pilot, Maj. Kyle Guinn as observer, and Capt. Clark Ogilvie as scanner took off from Tulsa International Airport shortly after noon and proceeded to pick up the ELT signal immediately, some twenty miles north of Tulsa in the vicinity of a small town by the name of Skiatook. Maj. Guinn coordinated with the cadet ground team by radio and sent the team in the direction of the Skiatook Airport where the aircrew surmised the signal was coming from.

Turnbull (TCS Comm Officer) were busy in the communications room. C/Staff Sergeant Edward M. Seright III served on a ground team.

Maj. Barbara Mathews, TCS public affairs officer, flew three sorties as a scanner trainee with an aircrew from Squadron 104 commanded by Lt. Col. Don Gunther, with Capt. Rocky Mancuso, as observer.

— Maj. Barbara Mathews



LOUISIANA — Cadet and senior members of the Louisiana Wing continued to better their skills and expand their knowledge through training.

About 80 senior members and cadets of the Louisiana Wing gathered at the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette for a "Super Training Weekend Feb. 24-25. Maj. Carolton Dufrechou and Maj. Darla Blanchard served as directors of the Squadron leadership School for 18 members. Nineteen members attend the Corporate Learning Course directed by Lt. Col. Rose Latiolais and Capt. Amos Plante.

Lt. Col. Paul Smith and Maj. Ann Ferguson-Smith conducted the two-day aircrew school for 19 members, while 25 others attended the short courses offered in emergency services, communications, and defensive driving.

The first-ever comprehensive training weekend was coordinated by Lt. Col. Charlotte Payne Wright, wing historian and

director of senior programs Wing Commander Col. Colin Fake stated that valuable training and interaction between the members is essential to carrying out the missions of aerospace education, emergency services, and cadet programs.

OKLAHOMA — Oklahoma Members of the Tucson Composite Squadron were well represented at the Group I SAREX held Feb. 10 at Group 1 headquarters at Tucson International Airport.

Maj. Michele Briggs, TCS deputy commander for cadets, served as ground operations director. She also worked the sign-in desk, checking 101 cards and other qualifications and did some I-team work earlier in the mission. First lieutenants John Briggs (squadron commander), Darell New (E.S. Officer) and Edward M. Seright, Jr. (Supply Officer) were ground team leaders and second lieutenants John Henderson (E.S.) and Arthur

OKLAHOMA — This year's Oklahoma Wing Conference held in Tulsa, Oklahoma February 23rd and 24th at the Sheraton Hotel turned out to be more than just another wing conference. Sure there were awards handed out and speeches made by VIPs, but there were some other significant events as well.

At approximately 11 a.m. Saturday morning during the general assembly meeting, commanders Capt. David Starr of Tulsa Council Oak Senior Squadron and Maj. Don Van Alstine of the Muskogee, Oklahoma Composite Squadron were called out by Director of Operations, Maj. Paul Spencer and told that an ELT signal had been reported from Langley, Virginia and that Oklahoma Emergency Management officials had just called and asked for assistance with spotting grass and forest fires. Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating had declared a state of emergency the night before due the large number of grass and forest fires that had plagued the

Thirty minutes later the aircrew bracketed the ELT signal on the Skiatook Airport and sent the ground crew in to find the offending airplane. As it turned out, the signal was being emitted from an old Russian fighter-trainer which had a remote ELT switch in the cockpit. Apparently the signal had been accidentally activated that morning at the end of a recreational flight. Both crews were credited with the find.

The cadets and the aircrew then had time to travel back to Tulsa, change clothes, pick up their dates and wives, and then attend the evening wing conference banquet. Needless to say, it was an interesting day as well as a shining example of preparedness by Tulsa Council Oak and Tulsa Starbase Squadrons.

Commander Van Alstine's aircrews flew the entire weekend in conjunction with the Oklahoma Forestry Service and gave them valuable assistance in spotting fires throughout northeastern Oklahoma. As of this writing, the fires are an ongoing problem and the state is desperate for rain. The Oklahoma Wing CAP will continue to assist the State of Oklahoma in battling this problem throughout what promises to be a very dry spring.

The wing conference was a huge success thanks to the excellent organization of Commander Oklahoma Group I, Lt. Col. Ray Reamey and Lt. Tom Clark, AEO, Oklahoma Group I. Lt. Col. Reamey and Lt. Clark were able to put together an excellent program which included presentations by Oklahoma Aviator of the Year and past National Warbirds President, Dr. Bill Harrison as well as Brig. Gen. Jim O'Neal Jr., NASA who served as a NASA controller during many of the Apollo missions including the ill fated Apollo 13 mission.

Clark served as emcee for the evening ceremonies and introduced the guest speakers. Dr. Harrison dazzled cadets and senior members alike with his astounding knowledge during a slide presentation of almost every fighter airplane made before the Vietnam War.

Gen. O'Neal talked about the accomplishments of the nation's space program and the many beneficial products that have been created and invented as a result of the Apollo program

in particular.

O'Neal also spoke at length about the space shuttle program and even produced some actual "heat tiles" from a shuttle hull to pass around to the crowd for close inspection. Gen. O'Neal's comments on setting goals and working to achieve quality were inspiring to the cadets as well as the senior members present.

Capt. David Starr, Commander of the Tulsa Council Oak Squadron had his full day topped off by being named the Outstanding Squadron Commander in the Oklahoma Wing for 1995 and if that wasn't enough, having his Tulsa Council Oak Squadron #35125 named as the Oklahoma Wing's Outstanding Squadron for 1995. The squadron's strong growth and participation were cited by wing commander Col. Walter Shammel as well as Capt. Starr's successful leadership. National Deputy Commander, Col. Paul Bergman was also in attendance and presented Capt. Starr with the Commander of the Year Award.

The evening's festivities were opened and concluded with an excellent performance of presenting and retiring the colors by the cadets of the Tulsa Starbase Squadron. These were the same cadets who had participated in an exciting ELT search that same day.

Cadet Lt. Colonel Jeramy Hopkins of the Comanche Eagle Squadron located in Lawton was named Cadet of the Year for the Oklahoma Wing. He was presented a plaque of recognition by Col. Walter Shammel, Commander of the Oklahoma Wing and Col. Paul Bergman, National Deputy Commander. Jeramy is a remarkable young man as he has been offered appointments to all three service academies! Jeramy intends to accept the West Point appointment and follow in his father's footsteps. It was a fitting end to the day and a wonderful way for the cadets and seniors to see how their commitment and preparation to CAP had paid off.

— Capt. Clark D. Ogilvie

OKLAHOMA — The annual conference of the Oklahoma Wing was held in Tulsa Feb. 23-25. Members from 20 squadrons across the state attended and received awards for the past year's performance.

Special honors were given to the cadets of Starbase Cadet



Top: Registered Nurse Kitty Back explains Careflight missions to Wichita Falls Composite Squadron cadets. Below: Cadet Michelle Aldridge, assisted by Army Sgt. Carnley exits a M1-Abrams tank during emergency services training recently.



Cadet Michelle Aldridge, right, uses the ALP to determine which direction to head while holding the ALPs, while cadet Debra Parker looks on.

Squadron who formed a color guard and gave a silent drill at Floral Haven Cemetery Memorial Day services.

Don Clapsaddle, past commander of the Purple Heart Association presented each cadet with a leadership award, letter of commendation, a medal and ribbon. The only Oklahoma cadets to be so honored are Lee Corn, Donald and Ronald Wyatt, Shannon Vickers, Richard Horn and Ryan Wallace.

Speakers at the conference were CAP National Vice Commander Col. Paul M. Bergman, EAA representative Dr. William E. "Bill" Harrison and Brig. Gen. James A. "Jim" O'Neal Jr., of Warrent Petroleum and NASA.

ARKANSAS — The Delta Composite Squadron, West Memphis, held its quarterly promotions and awards night and also assigned new cadet staff positions. Cadet Sgt. Chris Childress was presented the cadet of the quarter award, based on his test scores and attendance. Childress was also selected to serve as flight commander.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Seth Lakso

was honored for receiving the best aerospace test score for the first quarter.

Cadet Master Sgt. David Sandusky will assume duties as cadet commander. Sandusky has served as first sergeant, flight commander and on the cadet advisory council for the Delta Composite Squadron. He attended the 1995 encampment and participated in the 1995 Southwest Region cadet compe-

titution. Cadet Master Sgt. Jonathan Tarlton has been assigned as cadet deputy commander. He also attended the 1995 encampment and participated in the 199 Southwest Region Cadet Competition.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Bruce Scott will take over as flight sergeant. Scott joined CAP in February 1995 and took part in the 1995 summer encampment.

— Lt. Col. Larry Webster



Brig. Gen. Zettler, the wing commander at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, presents cadet Sgt. Michelle Aldridge with the cadet of the year award for Wichita Falls Composite Squadron.



Tulsa Starbase cadets pose with their commander Maj. Kyle Guinn, far right, in front of an old Russian trainer after successfully tracking an emergency locator transmitter to the Skiatook Airport.

Rocky Mountain

ROCKY MOUNTAIN — Finally, the big day — promotions and recognition.

This is the day that members of the Mustang Cadet Squadron get to pat themselves on the back. On Jan. 10, the squadron hosted its annual holiday potluck. This annual happening has been dubbed "the event of the year" and certainly many people agree.

Almost 200 squadron members family members and friends and invited guests attended. Distinguished visitors joining the celebration included Col. Wayne Schultz, vice wing commander of the 140th Tactical Fighter Wing; Col. James C. Bobick, National headquarters Chief of Staff; Col. Robert Kirkwood, Rocky Mountain Region Commander, Col. Gary Tobey, Colorado Wing commander, Col. Ross Bradie, commander CAP-USAF Rocky Mountain Liaison Region; Lt. Col. Nathan Baum, Rocky Mountain Region legal officer; Lt. Col. Jack Buschmann, Rocky Mountain Region cadet program director, Lt. Col. William Payne, Colorado/Wyoming Air Force liaison officer, Senior Master Sgt. Armando Argiz, Colorado/Wyoming Air Force LNCO.

First on the agenda was the swearing-in ceremony for new cadets joining Mustang Cadet Squadron. The cadet oath was administered by cadet commander Maj. Michael Cain to: Allen Banick, Cory Bennett, Caleb Craig, Madhu Iyengar, Justin Jones and Christopher McMahon.

Next came the presentation of First Stripe certificates to cadets who have completed Mustang's First Stripe pro-

gram, which provides assistance to new cadets in completing their first achievement. The cadets who received certifications were: Thomas Arthu, Joseph Casbona, Jason Coley, David Dlezal, Patrick Duran, Nicole Hemschoot, Robert Holm, Patrick Keelan, Keven Leverson, Jueff Musat, Jimmy Ownby, Tristan Teich, Sean Williams and Brian Wyatt.

This being the big night, promotions figured prominently. Col. Kirkwood presented the following promotions to cadets Lt. Col. Michael Cain, Flight Officer Jeff deGroot, Flight Officer Kyle Warf, Master Sgt. David Kriegbaum, Master Sgt. Kendra Whitely, Tech Sgt. Cody Comer, Sgt. Sean Williams, and Airmen Joseph Casabona, Jason Coley, David Dolezal, Nichole Hmschoot, and Brian Wyatt.

Mustang cadets have been earning their Earhart awards in record numbers and four were presented that evening. Making the presentations were Col. Shultz, Col. Bobke and Col. Bradie. The following cadets received their Earhart Awards: Lt. Col. Michael Cain, Capt. Adrienne Bollig, Capt. Michael Deaver, and Capt. Aleks Udris Cadet. Col. Joshua Cadice made his mark as the Mustang Cadet Squadron's first recipient of the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award.

Senior member Wayne Austgen received his membership ribbon for completing Level I training and was promoted to second lieutenant. 2nd Lieutenant Linda Bollig received a certificate of proficiency for completion of Level II training.

Col. Tobey presented recruiter ribbons to cadet Flight Officer Warf and Cadet Sgt. Williams for each recruiting two new members. Tobey also presented Red Service ribbons to cadets Udris, deGroot, Katherine Baker, Staff Sgt. Kevin McSparron and Christopher Bowick. Senior member 2nd Lt. Bollig also received her Red Service ribbon. Cadet Airman



Top left: Cadets watch an EC-130 refuel in midair during a KC-135 orientation ride during a winter encampment at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wa.

Top right: Washington Wng cadets try their hand at flying the "hook" of a KC-135.

Left: An Air Force instructor teaches cadets about survival techniques in wooded areas.



1st Class Thomas Arthur reaped cadet of the quarter honors.

Col. Schultz issued certificates of appreciation to the following: Colorado Department of Military Affairs, Maj. Gregory Cadice and master Sgt. Joyce Johnson Copeland, Lt. Col. William Gentry, Lark Warf, Cadice, Karen Whitely, Bollig and Susan Cadice.

Cadets Katherine Baker, Adrienne Bollig, April Bowman, Joshua Cadice, Brett Cain, Cody Comer, Jeff deGroot, David Kohler, David Kriegbaum, Kevin Leverson, Kevin McSparron, Adam Sorkin, Aleks Udris, Kyle Warf, Neil Warf, and Kendra Whitely were presented with meritorious service awards for representing Rocky Mountain Region in the National Cadet Competition.

— Cadet Master Sgt. Kendra Whitely



Air Force Brig. Gen. Vern Baldeshwiler presents a \$300 check on behalf of the Order of Daedalians to cadets Tim Reid and Ben Mountain of Cheyenne Composite Squadron.



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North Central



KANSAS — 1st Lt. Lois Orchard, Salina Composite Squadron has been selected to carry the 1996 Olympic Torch in the relay across the United States from Los Angeles to Atlanta. The relay will start April 27 and end on July 19.

Orchard, 44, and a longtime resident of Salina is the disaster and social services director for the American Red Cross Office in Salina. She has been with the Red Cross for the past three years. She spent more than two weeks in Oklahoma City after the bombing to help the victims and rescuers. She is also active with the Girl Scouts.

Orchard will be carrying the torch for about a half mile in the Topeka area. The 32-inch-high torch weighs 3½ pounds is made of aluminum reeds, with a hardwood handle, gold-plated brass bands and dual burners designed to help the flame withstand wind and rain. The torch houses a small tank that holds enough propane to fuel the flame for about 40 minutes. "I can walk fast," Orchard said, or "I'll run it for a half mile or walk, whatever pace is comfortable."

KANSAS — Ten senior members and seven cadets of the Salina Composite Squadron were given Orientation flights on a KC-135 aerial tanker by members of 344 Air Refueling Squadron at McConnell Air Force Base.

The KC-135 refueled a B-1 bomber and a WC-135 electronics surveillance aircraft. The flight and refueling took place over Kansas and Oklahoma. The Salina Squadron members toured the flight deck, the navigator and radar station. They watched the midair refueling at 20,000 feet from the

boom operator's station. Members along for the ride included Lt. Col. Williams, Lt. Col. Allen, Maj. Peteson, Maj. Trembly, 1st Lt. Rensberger, 1st Lt. Johnson, 2nd Lt. Harrison, 2nd Lt. Kelly, Flight Officer Ingham, Flight Officer Kuhn. Cadet members included

Tech Sgt. Blom, Staff Sgt. Williams, Airman Attanasio, Airman Basic Kauk, Airman Basic Mahoney, Airman Basic McCaslin and Airman Basic Shanburg.

— 1st Lt. William T. Johnson

MINNESOTA — On Feb. 13, the North Hennepin Composite Squadron hosted yet another unrivaled cadet promotional event. Minnesota Wing Commander Col. Chris Donaldson presented the Amelia Earhart award to cadet 1st Lt. Julie Williams of New Hope, and with the assistance of her parents, Donaldson promoted Williams to cadet captain.

Williams has been a member since 1993. She quickly made a name for herself at the squadron with her expertise in communications. Other accomplishments include serving on the cadet staff as Tango Flight commander, operations officer, Echo Flight commander during the 1995 Minnesota Wing Encampment, and representative at the 1994 National Cadet Competition.

By February 1995, she had earned the Billy Mitchell award. She has served as cadet commander of this squadron's cadet corps since September 1995. Shortly after her birthday in December 1995, she achieved all requirements for the Earhart award. She consistently makes the honor roll at Armonstron High School while applying her studies in enriched sciences. Her extracurricular activities include track and field.

— Maj. Mark H. Hannah

MINNESOTA — Two appointment changes in the Crow Wing Squadron have been named by squadron commander Maj.

Howard Pihlaja. Capt. Don Haarup is now squadron chaplain and Capt. Jess Drake, deputy commander for cadets. Cadet Airman 1st Class Tandra Theising received the Gold Cord Award as the most proficient member of the squadron drill team for the first quarter of the year.

Cadets Susan Loveland, Quay Spaid, and Tom Dobrzynski were promoted to Flight Officer second lieutenant recently.

Squadron Commander Maj. Howard Pihlaja officiated the ceremony at the Park United Methodist Church. Col. Tom Palkie, East Gull Lake, commander of the 148th Wing Minnesota Air National Guard was the keynote speaker. Capt. John Hengle, Group 11 commander presented the Billy Mitchell awards to cadets. Liaison Officer Capt. Marc Batway represented the Air Force Reserve.

MISSOURI — Maj. Ted Forester, CPT Dave Bellamy, and 2nd Lt. Mark Bruenger from the Capital City Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, along with members of the Sedalia and Warrensburg CAP squadrons, were complimented by MO Wing Commander, Col. Walter Reed, for successfully locating a non-distress ELT initially reported in the Lamar, MO area on 22 FEB 1996.

With LTC Mike Bush serving as mission coordinator, Maj. Forester and CPT Bellamy, air crew, launched on a weather dictated instrument flight plan into the search area. 2nd Lt. Bruenger, along with Lt. Col. Scott Lawson and CAP members from Warrensburg served as ground teams.

The ELT was located at the Carthage, MO airport. The antenna on the private aircraft had broken off. This resulted in the satellite hearing only the 243 part of the emission from the ELT and caused inaccurate location readings to be generated. These challenges caused air and ground teams unique difficulties in locating the signal.

— 1st Lt. John Bayne

MISSOURI — 1st Lt. Ron Illey of the North Missouri Composite Squadron recently was the recipient of the National Honor Awards for Excellence from the Federal Aviation Agency for his many hours of volunteer Service.



Michigan Wing cadets Mark Seutar, Brett Starres and Jack Thompson display their war wounds during a CAP-U.S. Air Force Reserve Operational Readiness Exercise recently at the 934th AES/SGE in Minneapolis. The CAP "patients" were flown aboard a C-130 from Selfridge Air National Guard Base to Phelps Collins Air National Guard Base in Alpena, Mi., where they were moulaged.

Dilley, who is an Air Transportation System Specialist for the FAA for northern Missouri and southern Iowa, traveled to the Federal Building in Kansas City to receive his award which was the result of a nomination made by co-worker Marilyn Kennan.

Following the initial nomination, many CAP and Salvation

Army members wrote letters of recommendation, stating Dilley's many efforts on behalf of both organizations. Dilley was then chosen as the region award winner in October 1995 and his name was entered into the national contest.

— Capt. Linda L. Brown

Great Lakes



OHIO — Members of Squadron 304 assigned to the Youngstown Air Reserve Base in northeast Ohio participated in a weapons course in combat arms training and marksmanship.

The training included CATM's new laser simulator. Besides realism, the simulator presents other advantages. "This is much better than just shooting stationary paper targets; you actually have targets present themselves, which requires a higher level of thought," explains CATM Superintendent Senior Master Sgt. Willie Pierce.

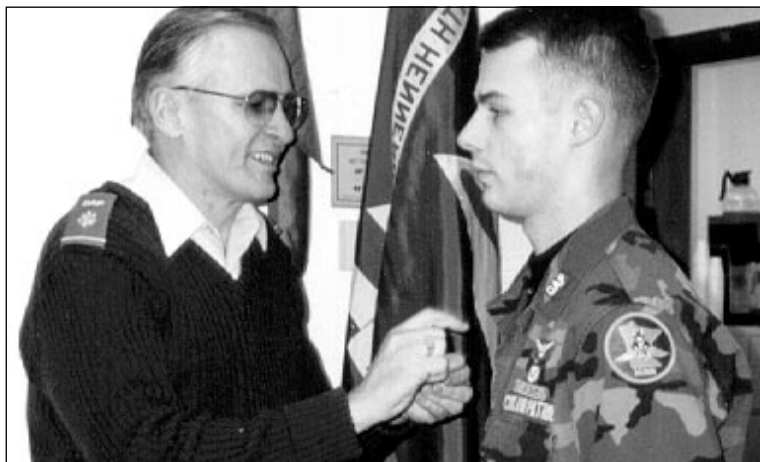
OHIO — The Cleveland

Emergency Services Squadron 406 recently conducted search and rescue training.

The scenario involved an emergency locator transmitter and ground team coordination. One pilot with more than 2,000 flying hours and three years in CAP said this exercise helped him realize how he can do a better job leading a ground team.

— Maj. Michael Haburay

OHIO — If this was winter in Ohio, when even the groundhogs won't come out, why were more



North Hennepin Commander Maj. Clark Carlson pins cadet lieutenant colonel insignia on Duane Meske, the first cadet in squadron history to achieve such a high rank.

A Final Salute



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Ohio Air National Guard Maj. Gen. Thomas Powers, right, presents cadet Col. David Smith with the Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Award at the Ohio Wing Cadet Conference Banquet and Awards Ceremony.



Ohio Wing Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Susan Chiari presents cadet Col. Heather Cross with the Ohio Wing Cadet of the Year Award during a recent ceremony.

than 150 cadets descending on a hotel in Columbus? The Ohio Wing Cadet Conference was in full swing, of course. Cadets from 27 squadrons met recently for this weekend activity. For over thirty years, it has been a winter ritual in Ohio Wing to attend a conference planned by cadets for cadets.

This year, all cadets were divided into the Red Group (C/B - C/Sgt) or the Blue Group (C/SSgt - C/Col) with seminars geared to their age and cadet grade. Cadets participated in such diverse seminars as building and flying as passengers on a hovercraft, public speaking and problem solving.

The highlight of Saturday's seminars was Capt. Allen Wise's class on High Altitude Flight Gear where cadets saw an SR 71 high altitude suit. One lucky cadet even got to suit up in a Russian high altitude suit. Later at the Cadet Conference Banquet & Awards Ceremony, the fun really began.

C/Col David Smith of Wright Brothers Aero Composite Squadron 705 was awarded the General Carl A. Spaatz Award. This award was presented jointly by Lt. Col. Susan Chiari, Ohio Wing Chief of Staff and Maj. Gen. Thomas Powers, Ohio Air National Guard.

Amelia Earhart Awards were also presented to C/Capt Christopher Schelle, Squadron 705, C/Capt Paul Calhoun, Squadron 803, and C/Capt Matt Picklesimer, Squadron 818. General Billy Mitchell Awards were presented to C/FO Jesse Cusamano & C/FO Chas Pinnon Squadron 806, and C/FO Benjamin Stevens Squadron 705.

Ohio Wing also sponsors an Ohio Wing Cadet of the Year Competition, Outstanding Cadet Officer Competition and an Honor Cadet Competition.

This year, after an intense competition, C/Col Heather Cross of Wright Brothers Aero Composite Squadron 705 was named the Ohio Wing Cadet of the Year. C/Maj Sean Hays of Fairborn Composite Squadron 703 was named the Outstanding Cadet Officer. C/FO Benjamin Stevens of Squadron 705 was awarded the designation of Ohio Wing Honor Cadet.

The real suspense was saved for the awarding of the Outstanding Group, Honor Squadron and the Most Improved Squadron.

These awards are the culmination of the previous year's hard work and elicited more than a few cheers from winners and non-winners alike.

The 1995 Outstanding Group is Group VII, the 1995 Honor Squadron is Wright Brothers Aero Composite Squadron 705, and the 1995 Most Improved Squadron is North Canton Composite Squadron 321.

After a fun-filled dance to round out the day, cadets eagerly awaited the last day of their Cadet Conference.

And Sunday's activities didn't disappoint anyone either. Maj. Gen. Francis Guidion Jr., U.S. Air Force Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Material Command, WPAFB gave a riveting presentation, complete with film, of him ejecting from an A-7 fighter aircraft during a test flight.

The cadets were amazed to learn that the general's ejection was so traumatic that he broke

his neck on the way out of the aircraft. Said one young, wide-eyed cadet, "that was nothing like the movies. In the movies, the pilot comes out easily and floats to earth."

After this whirlwind fun and educational Cadet Conference, the cadets left excited about returning to their squadrons with new information, wonderful experiences and new friends.

As a result of this annual kickoff of the cadet year, many cadets have vowed to each other at CAP's special activities and encampments."

— Lt. Col. Charlotte L. Schnitz

KENTUCKY — Boone County Composite Squadron sponsored a training course in CPR and blood borne pathogens for Group One recently at the Walton National Guard Armory in Walton, Ky.

Registered Nurse Patty Holbrook and Kentucky State Trooper John Holbrook provided instruction on blood-borne pathogens based on American Red Cross criteria. The Holbrooks instructed cadets and senior members on the proper procedures required to avoid contact with blood and preventing disease transmission.

CPR training was conducted by Bret Welch of Florence Emergency Medical Services. He showed cadets and senior members the proper procedures on when and how to provide rescue breathing that will deliver air to the lungs of a victim suffering from respiratory arrest and shown how to provide chest compressions to circulate the blood of victim in cardiac arrest.

— 2nd Lt. Debbie Poe



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